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Statement

"Proposal of Special Cooperative Model among Enterprises — The National Assembly — The Government for Implementing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)"

One of the effective models for implementing the SDGs is by utilizing the infrastructure that businesses have established. The model could be systemized by following three stages of cooperation: construction of business' SDGs infrastructure, governmental support for the relevant policies, and legislative support of the National Assembly.

1. Business is the only entity capable of technology development, large scale employment, education, and leading innovation simultaneously. Such features of businesses are highly suitable for spreading and implementing the SDGs.

2. All domestic and international business activities are limited and influenced by government policies in each country. Therefore, in order to introduce the SDGs to businesses, vigorous policy support should be implemented by governments.

3. Government policy is established by legislative activities and budget allocation of congress. Therefore, the SDGs should be actively discussed in the National Assembly and relevant legislation and budgets should be assigned at the National Assembly.

For the last two years, Korean Association for Supporting the Sustainable Development Goals has established a model to facilitate the cooperative process for the government — the National Assembly — enterprises to implement practical projects, make relevant policies, and discuss legislations to achieve the SDGs. This model, Korea National Assembly SDGs Forums, directly influences decision makers in the government and the National Assembly. The model has created an environment in which each enterprise works for the achievement of the SDGs through meetings and active discussions.

For example, we are working on the water treatment project with Boo-Kang Tech, an international wastewater treatment business. Boo-Kang Tech's exclusive technologies do not only contribute to treatment of livestock excretions that are high density wastewater and purification of sewage and groundwater, but also to the improvement of water environment. Specifically, this water treatment system enables purification of water and conversion of wastewater to nitrogen and phosphorus which are usable as fertilizer and organic material, an important source of energy. This world-class technology does not only contribute to improvement of energy efficiency but also to mitigation of environmental problems. As such, Korean Association for Supporting the Sustainable Development Goals is struggling to widen opportunities for enterprises with eco-friendly technology like Boo-Kang Tech to practically participate in the implementation of the SDGs and to change policy-making processes to facilitate the implementation of the SDGs.

The system provides a venue for decision makers of the National Assembly and the government to meet entrepreneurs directly, facilitating the SDGs implementation process to go along with the SDGs related activities of the enterprises. We will continuously propose to the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) to spread our model to other member nations of the United Nations.